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## **1. 1995 Conference: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

The 1995 conference of the Bibliographical Society of Canada / Société bibliographique du Canada was held Friday, 2 June and Saturday, 3 June 1995 at the Université du Québec à Montréal. The program consisted of ten formal papers, as well as an open discussion on the "History of the Book in Canada," which resulted in the establishment of an Advisory Committee reporting to the President. The Annual General Meeting of BSC / SBC was held at 3:00 p.m. on 2 June, in the Pavillon Judith-Jasmin, room 2980, with approximately forty members present.

### **Minutes of the 1995 Annual General Meeting**

1. Welcome from the President: Eric Swanick welcomed all members, and thanked Bruce Whiteman for making the local arrangements. Pam Bjornson moved that the agenda, which had previously been circulated, be accepted, seconded by Patricia Belier. CARRIED.

2. Minutes of the 1994 Annual Meeting: The minutes had been circulated to members through publication in the May 1995 *Bulletin* (New Series, no. 44). Adoption was moved by James Carley, seconded by Peter McNally. CARRIED.

3. Report by the President: Eric Swanick reported on a number of issues that had arisen since the last annual meeting:

a) SSHRC: SSHRC's overall budget will be reduced by 14% over three years, with the largest cut in the final year (1997/98). To implement this cut SSHRC proposes to make selective rather than across-the-board reductions. The Research Grants budget will be cut by 6.3% in 1995/96. SSHRC points out that the demand has declined in the last three out of four years. In 1995/96 there was one request in the category of Research Tool with a significant research component, which was not granted, and twenty-one requests in the category of Research Tool without a significant research component, of which five were granted. In general, the funding percentage rate was higher, while the amount of monies granted was down by \$6 million.

The support for other programs such as the Aid to Learned Journals and the Aid & Attendance grants will be reduced in proportion with the overall cut. We are now receiving \$7044.00 each year under the Aid & Attendance grants program. The Aid portion (the administrative funding) of the Aid & Attendance grants is being phased out completely over the next three years. The Attendance portion is to be reduced initially by 5%, then less in the following years. The application form for the newly entitled Aid to Research and Transfer Journals is now available and the deadline is 15 July. The new form requires a marketing plan and peer assessment, and will pay up to 50% of the production costs of the journal for successful applicants. Mary Williamson will chair the subcommittee responsible for preparing the application. Eric thanked the many people who had assisted the Society in this latest round of SSHRC discussions.

b) Institute on Canadian Bibliography: The Institute on Canadian Bibliography will again offer the course Analytical Bibliography for Canadian Studies, which was first given in August 1993. It will take place 21-25 August 1995, if there are sufficient applicants. The Institute is a self-financing cooperative project between the Society and the National Library of Canada. The BSC / SBC is again offering two tuition fellowships.

c) 50th anniversary: The Society will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 1996. Lianna Van der Bellen has been compiling a history of the Society, and plans are for this to be published next year in the *Papers/Cahiers*. Letters about the anniversary have been sent to eighty libraries across the country, with suggestions on how they might celebrate the occasion. Mary Williamson is chairing the anniversary

committee, and several proposals, including a reception and a commemorative keepsake, are under consideration.

d) Membership: Several mass mailings of membership brochures have taken place this year, but membership numbers continue to decline. Eric stressed the vital importance of increasing or at least maintaining our membership numbers and urged all members to make personal appeals to friends and colleagues encouraging them to join, as this has proven to be the most effective means of recruitment.

e) Awards: The Tremaine and Amtmann Fellowships have both been awarded to Peter Mitham, for his work on Robert Service. The President congratulated Peter Mitham and presented him with a cheque on behalf of the Fellowships Committee and the Society. There will not be a Tremaine Medal awarded this year. At its fall 1994 meeting Council unanimously approved an honorary life membership for Patricia Fleming. Peter Greig presented the Society's tribute to Mrs Jacobsen, and reported that she was very pleased with the award.

f) General correspondence: Lobbying for an endowed bibliographic lecture series at the National Library has so far been unsuccessful. Past Presidents have been contacted regarding papers and documents in their possession, in an endeavour to build the Society's archives at Queen's University. Congratulations on behalf of the Society were sent to Ernie Ingles and Gordon Adshead on the publication of BCBIII. Royalties from this book will be coming to the Society. On behalf of the Society Eric participated in discussions about the possibility of establishing a Canadian Centre for the Book. The other members of the group are Ann Cowan, Gilles Gallichard, Leslie Howsam, Bertrum MacDonald, Mary Lu MacDonald, Jacques Michon, and Apollonia Steele. The Committee met in December 1994 to discuss the role of such a Centre and to draft a survey instrument. Seventy-five percent of those surveyed were in favour of establishing a centre, so a report has been drafted and discussions continue.

g) Thanks: The President thanked the retiring members of Council, Pam Bjornson, Ian MacLaren, and Joyce Banks for their work on behalf of the Society, and thanked Bernard Katz for his extraordinary efforts as Treasurer over the past five years. Eric also acknowledged the generosity of many BSC / SBC members; over \$1,600 in donations to the Society have been collected during the past year. Eric Swanick moved receipt of his report and answered questions.

4. Report of the Treasurer: Bernard Katz distributed copies of the Review Engagement Report for the year ending 31 December 1994. Bernie pointed out that the last year in which we received SSHRC funding for our journal was 1992, and that the publications fund is now in a deficit situation. The principal reason for this is that SSHRC requirements prohibited us from transferring more than 50% of our membership dues into our publications account. He, too, emphasized the importance of maintaining our paid-up membership numbers, as this is usually the basis for SSHRC funding. Bernie moved receipt of the report and answered questions.

5. Report of the Secretary: Anne Dondertman reminded members about the backlist of Society publications for sale, and noted that there were sample copies on display during the Conference. Over the past year 1,500 copies of our publications list (along with membership brochures) were distributed with *Facsimile*, thanks to Pam Bjornson at CIHM / ICMH. The publications list was also distributed electronically on BIBSOCAN, and these efforts did generate some orders from both members and non-members, although sales remain generally slow. Anne moved receipt of her report.

6. Report of the Nominating Committee: Sandra Alston presented the report of the Nominating Committee, including the slate of officers nominated for next year's Council, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, Sandra moved that nominations be closed and the slate approved, seconded by Carl Spadoni. CARRIED. Sandra thanked the other members of the Committee, Karen Smith and Apollonia Steele, for their help.

The resulting changes to Council are:

2nd Vice-President	Peter McNally
Councillors 1995-1998	Jeannine Green
	Jacques Michon
	Joan Winearls

7. Report of the Publications Committee: Mary Williamson presented the report. The Publications Committee met twice over the course of the year. The immediate concern this year is the new SSHRC application for Aid to Learned Journals. Changes in the guidelines include the need to formulate a marketing plan. Concerns expressed by SSHRC in the past (move to twice yearly publication, increased French-language content, refereeing procedures, indexing) have all been addressed since the last competition in 1991. Attempts to increase indexing of our journal continue; this year the Canadian Index will begin indexing the *Papers/Cahiers*, including reviews. The Publications Committee is also looking at the possibility of joint publications and occasional publications, and is encouraging a focus on non-Canadian topics. Mary moved receipt of her report.

8. Constitution: Sandra Alston has been working on revisions to the Constitution. The revised version will be distributed to all Society members by mail, prior to discussion at the 1996 annual general meeting.

9. Other business: There being no other business the President, Eric Swanick, thanked Tom Vincent for organizing a very enjoyable and successful conference.

10. Date and place of the next Annual General Meeting: The next conference and Annual General Meeting of the Society will take place in conjunction with the CLA conference in Halifax in June 1996. The Call for Papers and further announcements will be published in the *Bulletin*.

11. Adjournment: François Melançon moved adjournment, seconded by Anne Yandle.

## **2. Amendments to the Constitution**

At its Fall 1995 meeting Council unanimously passed motions to place changes to the Constitution and By-laws of the Society before the membership at the next Annual General Meeting, which is taking place on Tuesday, 11 June 1996. A copy of the English version of the Constitution, indicating the present wording alongside the proposed revisions, is included with your spring mailing. Due to unavoidable complications, the French version is still in preparation, but will be available prior to the AGM. Members wishing to receive the French text may request a copy from the Secretary through the post office box or by E-Mail to: [dondertman@library.utoronto.ca](mailto:dondertman@library.utoronto.ca).

## **3. Nominating Committee of Council, Report of Recommendations**

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers for 1996. The Executive and other officers remain unchanged.

Council 1996-1999	Leslie Howsam
	David McKnight
	G. Thomas Tanselle

## **4. Marie Tremaine Fellowship**

The Fellowships Committee has decided not to offer the Tremaine Fellowship in 1996.

## **5. Marie Tremaine Medal**

The Tremaine Medal Committee has recommended, and Council approved, the Medal be awarded to Ernie Ingles of the University of Alberta.

## **6. Accommodation in Halifax**

Non-CLA members who plan to attend the CLA conference or the Special Collections Interest Group / Bibliographical Society of Canada joint meeting in June have not received information on accommodation recommended by CLA. Naturally, non-CLA members will not be able to take advantage of the member discounts mentioned, but because a number of people have requested the information, it is posted in abbreviated form below. All hotels are in the downtown area, except for the Dalhousie University residence, which is on campus.

**Prince George Hotel**, 1725 Market St., Halifax NS B3J 3N9 ☎902-425-1986 or 1-800-565-1567; FAX 902-429-6048. \$125 single/double + GST. Features: underground connection to the World Trade and Convention Centre where CLA is being held; air conditioned; indoor pool; whirlpool; sauna; indoor parking, etc.

**Cambridge Suites Hotel**, 1583 Brunswick St., Halifax NS B3J 3P5 ☎902-420-0555 or 1-800-565-1263; FAX 902-420-9379. \$115 mini suite; \$125 1-bedroom suite + GST. Features: two blocks from Convention Centre; microwave; fridge; coffee maker; dishes; complimentary continental breakfast; rooftop fitness centre; exercise room; sauna; non-smoking floors; indoor parking, etc.

**Citadel Inn**, 1960 Brunswick St., Halifax NS B3J 2G7 ☎902-422-1391 or 1-800-565-7162; FAX 902-429-6672. \$92 single/double + GST. Features: at base of fort citadel, one block from Convention Centre; complimentary continental breakfast; indoor pool; free parking.

**CP Hotel**, 1990 Barrington St., Halifax NS B3J 1P2 ☎902-425-6700 or 1-800-441-1414; FAX 902-425-6214. \$105 single/double standard; \$110 resort; \$125 deluxe + GST. Features: air conditioned; resort rooms have balconies with access to pool, etc.

**Dalhousie University Conference Services**, c/o Fenwick Place, 5591 Fenwick St., Halifax NS B3H 4J2 ☎902-494-8840; FAX 902-494-1219. \$42 two-bedroom apt; \$53 three-bedroom apt + GST. Fenwick Place is a 33-storey apartment-style residence which accommodates people in 2-, 3-, and 4-bedroom units with "all the conveniences of home." Parking \$1/day. (There is a computerized room reservation system called "Northwind" which coordinates all accommodation room bookings across campus.)

The CLA brochure adds two relevant comments: (1) The toll-free number for the Nova Scotia Check In travel and accommodation information and reservation service: 1-800-565-0000; TDD 902-492-4833. (2) Reservations are to be made directly with the hotel selected. Hotels are holding space for CLA Conference delegates, whose reservations must be received by 3 May 1996.

## **7. New WWW Canadian History Site: CIHM Early Canadiana Collection**

The bilingual WWW site of the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions (CIHM) has just gone on line. You can find the site at: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/cihm>. The site has information about CIHM's microfiche collections of printed Canadiana and is linked to the complete CIHM database of pre-1900 Canadian monographs and periodicals. The following information can be found on the CIHM home page: libraries that hold the CIHM collections; history of the Early Canadiana project; CIHM



publications ("Facsimile" Newsletter, catalogues); CIHMSearch (customized bibliographies); Canadian on Demand (order information); and Board of Directors and Committees. The entire database of over 70,000 titles can be searched by author, title, and/or keyword. The CIHM home page was made possible by the National Library of Canada. The Early Canadiana Collection database was placed on the Web courtesy of the University of New Brunswick Library.

## **8. The Fifty-First Annual Conference of BSC / SBC**

BSC Annual Conference / SBC Conférence annuel 1996  
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Meetings will be held in the Carl Hudson Auditorium  
Henson College, Dalhousie University

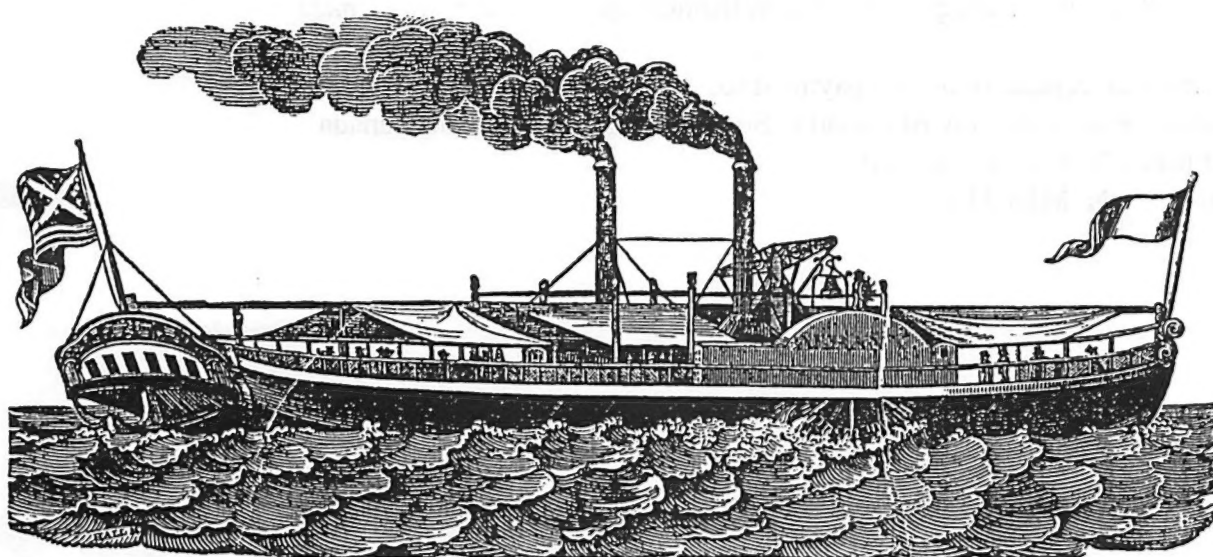
<b>June 10 juin</b>	Monday/lundi, with CLA Special Collections Interest Group
9:00-9:45	Wendy Scott: Bibliography of Fred Cogswell
9:45-10:15	Break
10:15-11:00	Oriel MacLennan: Bibliography of Marie-Claire Blais
11:00-12:00	Mark Bartlett and Bertrum McDonald: The Bible, Bacon, incunabula, and other treasures: Characteristics of early printed books in ten Nova Scotia public collections
12:00-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:15	Andrew Nurse: Publishing "The Kingdom of Saguenay": Marius Barbeau, Hugh Eayres, and the dynamics of folklore publishing in the 1930s
2:15-3:00	Andrea Cole: Lorne Pierce in his diaries: An introduction
3:00-3:30	Break
3:30-4:15	Hilary Thompson: The relationship of image to text: Children's theatre collections in the Maritimes
5:30-	Banquet
<b>June 11 juin</b>	Tuesday/mardi
9:00-9:45	Richard Giguere: L'Histoire de l'édition littéraire au Québec au XX <sup>e</sup> siècle: l'émergence des éditeurs littéraires autonomes, 1920-1939
9:45-10:15	Break
10:15-11:00	Germaine Warkentin: Text and book in early Canada
11:00-11:45	Gail Edwards: Fifteenth-century Florentine library inventories: Magnificence and the development of the Book all'antica
11:45-1:15	Lunch
1:15-2:00	Richard Landon: History of the book projects in the English-speaking world
2:00-3:00	Pat Fleming: Report of the Advisory Committee established to develop recommendations for "The History of the Book in Canada"
3:30-	Annual General Meeting BSC / SBC

In 1996, the Bibliographical Society of Canada / Société bibliographique du Canada is proud to celebrate its 50th anniversary. The first meeting of the Society in May, 1946, was attended by thirty enthusiasts, including such bibliographic luminaries as Lorne Pierce, Marie Tremaine, James Talman, and the Rev. August-Marie Morisset.

On 10 June 1996, we will acknowledge and toast these august beginnings, together with fifty years of achievement, over dinner at the elegant Halifax Club during the Society's conference. Douglas Lochhead will share a few reminiscences with us, and Bruce Whiteman, before departing for the more richly fertilized rare book pastures to the southwest, will be our dinner speaker. The Society's awards will be presented to this year's winners during the evening. The "cocktail" hour before dinner, and buffet-style dinner service, promise maximum intermingling and discourse.

A broadside, specially printed for the anniversary, with an appropriate text taken from the 1792 Samuel Neilson almanach, is a special bonus for everyone who attends the anniversary dinner. Spouses, partners, hangers-on, in fact all those who practise, endorse or exploit bibliography in their work, are welcome. The dinner (\$35.00) will include hors d'oeuvres, roasted smoked Atlantic salmon, and a wide range of vegetables, salads, desserts, cheese, fruit, and beverages. Anyone who requires a vegetarian or other special meal should indicate this on the registration form. We will gather at the Halifax Club, 1682 Hollis Street, at 5:30 for drinks (cash bar), and dinner and special anniversary events at 6:30. Please join us for this great occasion!

Please note: The deadline for registration for the dinner is **3 June**, in order to confirm numbers with the Halifax Club. Anyone who intends to register for the conference on-site, but also wishes to attend the dinner, should write to the post office box or contact the secretary by E-mail at: [dondertman@library.utoronto.ca](mailto:dondertman@library.utoronto.ca)



Bibliographical Society of Canada Annual Meeting  
10-11 June 1996  
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

**Pre-registration Form**

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Conference fee \$20

Dinner, 10 June \$35

Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

N.B.: Registration for the dinner should reach the Box No. by 3 June 1996  
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